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SUBJECT: CULTURAL/SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENT

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1. CHARGE AND POLCOUNSELOR PRESENTED DRAFT AGREEMENT TO ZANTOVSKY OCTOBER 17. ZANTOVSKY SAID HE WOULD BE MEETING WITH OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES WEEK OF OCTOBER 20 FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS. GENERAL IMPRESSION CONVEYED BY HIS REMARKS WAS THAT IT MAY BE SOME TIME BEFORE CZECHOSLOVAK SIDE READY TO BEGIN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS.

2. ZANTOVSKY REFERRED TO FONMIN CHHHNOUPEK'S ASSURANCE TO ASST SECRETARY HARTMAN THAT GOC WILLING TO ACCEDE TO U.S. DESIRE TO HAVE ONE AGREEMENT RATHER THAN TWO. ZANTOVSKY, OF COURSE, "ACCEPTS" THIS, BUT POINTED TO TIME-CONSUMING "LEGISLATIVE" PROBLEMS INVOLVED. MFA HAD EVIDENTLY RECEIVED MANDATE TO NEGOTIATE TWO AGREEMENTS, AND NOW MUST GO BACK THROUGH BUREAUCRATIC PROCESS TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION TO NEGOTIATE SIGNLE AGREEMENT.

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